Government continuously monitor all developments affecting India's security and national interests and take appropriate measures for safeguarding the same.

Supplying nuclear reactor to Pakistan by China

1615. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report published in the 'Indian Express' of 4th January, 1992 to the effect that Pakistan has been supplied a 300 megawatt nuclear reactor by China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deal was signed between Pakistan and China after the recent visit of Chinese Prime Minister to India;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to safeguard the security of the Country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have taken note of the positions expressed by China and Pakistan that the 300 MW nuclear power plant to be supplied by China to Pakistan is to be used for 'peaceful purposes' and that it will be fully covered under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). China and Pakistan have been made fully aware of Government's concern regarding Pakistan's clandestine nuclear programme.

(d) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Permission to foreign ships to visit India

1616. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to allow only certified foreign warships without nuclear weapons on board to visit India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of foreign warships with nuclear weapons on board have visited India so far and the reasons for according permission to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) In accordance with Government policy which has been made known to the foreign Governments, we do not allow foreign warships known to carry nuclear weapons to visit Indian ports.

Food aid for Russia

1617. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 47 nations had given food aid for Russia as reported in the Pioneer of 25th January, 1992;

(b) whether Government had joined in this group specially since